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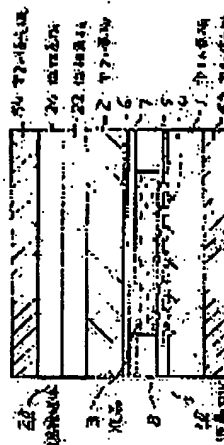
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(54) LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To widen a field angle and to increase the contrast ratio in a diagonal direction over a wide range by constituting a double refractive medium of two sheets of phase difference plates and superposing the optically anisotropic axes thereof on each other at nearly 90° C.

CONSTITUTION: The double refractive medium 20 provided between a 2nd substrate 2 and a 2nd polarizing plate 54 consists of two sheets of the phase difference plates 22, 24 and these plates are so superposed on each other that the optically anisotropic axes thereof attain nearly 90° with each other. The double refractive medium 20, therefore, generates substantially no phase difference to the polarized light entering from the normal direction and generates the phase difference to the polarized light entering with a deviation from the diagonal direction. The change in the double refractions of the liquid crystal dependent on the field angle direction, i.e., the phase difference is compensated by the phase difference dependent on the visual angle direction of the double refractive medium and, therefore, the field angle is widened and the contrast ratio in the diagonal direction is increased over a wide range.



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